के कारण, 534 व्यक्ति इलाज के लिए विभिन्न अस्पतालों में गए। इनमें से 526 व्यक्तियों को उपचार के बाद हस्पताल से छुट्टी दे दी गई, चार की मत्यु हो गई तथा दिनांक 1.12.1994 की स्थिति अनुसार चार व्यक्ति (तीन पुरुष और एक बच्चा, अभी भी हस्पताल में दाखिल हैं।

2. जांच पड़ताल से पता चला है कि आजाद चौक का मुकीम उर्फ मुकीस नामक एक व्यक्ति 12–13 नवम्बर, 1994 की रात को कुछ चिथड़े, प्लास्टिक की थैलियों और अन्य बेकार सामग्री को जला रहा था जिसके परिणाम-स्वरूप जहरीली गैसें पैदा होकर हवा के साथ फैल गई जिससे उस स्थान के आस-पास रहने वाले लोग प्रभावित हुए।

3. भारतीय दण्ड संहिता की धारा 278/285/337/304–क के अधीन अभियुक्त मुकीम उर्फ मुकीस पुत्र अलीहुसैन, निवासी आर–398, आजाद चौक, कर्दमपुरी, शाहदरा, दिल्ली के खिलाफ 13.11.1994 को थाना शाहदरा में एक मामला दर्ज किया गया है। उसे गिरफ्तार किया गया तथा बाद में मैट्रोपोलिटन मेजिस्ट्रेट के कोर्ट द्वारा जमानत पर रिहा कर दिया गया।

4. उपराज्यपाल द्वारा चारों मृत व्यक्तियों के निकटतम संबंधियों को एक व्यस्क के लिए 20,000/– तथा तीन बच्चों के लिए 10,000/– प्रति बच्चे की दर से 50,000/– रु० की कुल राशि मुआवजे के रूप में स्वीकृत की गई है। प्रभावित व्यक्तियों को चिकित्सा सहायता उपलब्ध कराने के लिए भी आवश्यक प्रबन्ध किए गए थे।

Construction of Rail Washing Station/ Sheds

*9. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have constructed a rail washing station/sheds in violation of the land use statutorily prescribed under the Delhi Master Plan;

(b) whehter the constructions have been put up without securing the permission of the Delhi Development Authority and the Delhi Municipal Corporation;

(c) whether building plans were submitted for sanction to any local authority;

(d) whether the constructions have obstructed the view of the Purana Quila and objections have also been raised by the Archaeological Department;

(e) whether 1000 kg. of soap concentrate and other chemicals are discharged into the River Yamuna, adding to the already heavily polluted water; and

(f) whether the Railways would demolish the sheds and construct them elsewhere in conformity with law; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Such permission is not required as per extant rules.

(c) Such plans are not required to be submitted to any local authority as per extant rules.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Only 574 kg. of detergent powder is used which is discharged through the normal drainage system and a part of this will find its ways into the River Yamuna in a much diluted form.

(f) Does not arise.

Tapti, Panna and Mukta Gas Fields

*10. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reliance-Enron consortium has since submitted firm development plans and production profiles for

the Tapti, Panna and Mukta gas fields awarded to it; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Negotiation with Reliance-Enron consortium are in progress.

International drug trafficking

*11. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in agreement with the views expressed in some quarters that New Delhi is fast emerging as an important centre of transit for international drug traffic;

(b) whether Government have any evidence which links such drug traffic in the country with activities of international arms smugglers; and

(c) whether there are reasons to suspect the involvement of espionage agencies of neighbouring countries in such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. Government are, however, aware that Delhi is being used as a transit point by drug traffickers for smuggling of heroin and hashish/charas of Pakistani and Nepali origin. Indigenous heroin and hashish from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan is also being brought into Delhi in small quantities. Intelligence developed and raids organized by various enforcement agencies in Delhi have resulted in substantial seizures of heroin and hashish in preceeding three years.

(b) Information is available of India being used as a transit point of narcotics emanating from sources of supply outside India, originating from the Golden Crescent (Iran-Afghanistan-Pakistan) in the West and the Golden Tringle (Myanmar-Thailand-Laos) in the East. In the Western sector, funnelling of drugs and arms through misguided Sikh youth to carry out terrodist activities have come to light. Similarly, in the Eastern sector, Burmese insurgent groups have been engaged in narcotics and arms trafficking in the North-East sector.

(c) Intelligence agencies of a neighbouring country have been found involved in infiltrating and guiding some top Sikh terrorists and other militants into India after arranging their training in arms and explosions and also in intelligence trade-craft for carrying out the objectives of subversion, sabotage and espionage. A number of smuggler groups particularly on Rajasthan and Gujarat border have their linkage with terrorists on one hand and the drug mafias on the other. These smugglers have been tasked by intelligence agencies of neighbouring countries also to assist in the espionage activities of the agencies.

Increase in the incidents of cancer

*12. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of cancer, especially cervical breast cancer is increasing in the country, in the recent years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about eight lakh new cancer patients are added every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) why the measures are not being taken to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The data from National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR) indicates a small increase in the incidence rate of cancer, including breast cancer. However, there